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1. THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP OF BLACK SHIELD AND OXCART AND CLASSIFICATION AND PROTECTION NECESSARY TO THE PRESENT COLLECTION EFFORT OVER NORTH VIETNAM. PART OF THE MISSING INGREDIENT IS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH NINE,

25X1A COMOR-M-414. THIS PARAGRAPH ESTABLISHED [REDACTED] LATER CHANGED TO [REDACTED] AS A DESIGNATOR TO ENSURE THAT HIGHER AUTHORITY IS AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE RELEASE OF THE INFORMATION IN QUESTION. OF COMPARABLE IMPORTANCE IS THE CONTINUING NEED TO CONTROL USE OF THE TERM OXCART. ALL INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE PRESENCE AND OPERATION OF THIS COLLECTION VEHICLE WILL BE IN THE [REDACTED] SYSTEM.

2. IN ORDER TO CHANNEL BLACK SHIELD INFORMATION TO

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HIGHER AUTHORITY AND TO PROTECT THE OPERATIONAL INTEGRITY OF OXCART IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE FOLLOWING BE UNDERSTOOD:

A. THE FACT THAT THE PRODUCT OF BLACK SHIELD OPERATIONS IS CLASSIFIED SECRET IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DEVICE TO ENSURE THAT INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY MAY BE USED EFFECTIVELY, UNDER CONTROL OF SIOS, ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS, WITHOUT THE NEED TO REMOVE MATERIAL FROM A COMPARTMENTED SYSTEM.

B. ANY PART OF THE BLACK SHIELD PRODUCT THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE INTRODUCTION OF OFFENSIVE MISSILE SYSTEMS WILL BE HANDLED AS

C.  IS A DESIGNATOR, NOT CONFINED TO BLACK SHIELD, ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THE CHANNELING OF INFORMATION ON OFFENSIVE MISSILE SYSTEMS TO HIGHER AUTHORITY.

D. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION OR ANY IDENTIFICATION WITH OXCART BE RELEASED FROM THE  SYSTEM.

**END OF MESSAGE**

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